

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

EVALUATION	25X1	PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
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1. In the summer of 1952, aircraft arrived at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield after a temporary 2.5 km runway had been constructed of pierced steel plates. The field was very wet. Apparently the parking lots for MiG-15s were also covered with steel runway matting. On 25 October, source observed construction work near the ruined buildings of the field. Construction work was also noticed in the southwestern corner of the installation. Concrete slabs were trucked there. Source made a sketch of the field.¹
2. The air force soldiers were partly quartered in the former German NCO houses and partly in the officer billets. The unit was equipped with about 15 motor vehicles. Source observed the arrival of five large fuel containers which were about the size of railroad tank cars. A fence was being built around the installation. A radio installation with one mast was seen west of the field.²
3. During the period from 3 through 6 November, there was no flying at the field. Weather conditions were rather poor. About 12 MiG-15s were stationed at the field. One MiG-15 was being overhauled in front of the hangars. An estimated 200 air force soldiers, 40 signal soldiers and about 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were stationed at the field. The latter soldiers probably belonged to a construction unit working at the installation.³
4. The runway at the field was 1,800 to 1,900 meters long and about 40 meters wide. As far as could be determined by source, its western section consisted of a coarse wire work placed on a concreted layer. In the eastern portion of the field, there was a large apron, which had been leveled but not provided with this type of wire work. In early November 1952, the soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets leveled the southwestern corner of the field. Due to the heavy rain fall, the field had become rather boggy, particularly in the sections which had recently been leveled. Slabs for about 3,000 square meters of surface had arrived at the Bindersleben railroad station. Air force soldiers were quartered in eight three-story buildings on the south side of the Bindersleben-Erfurt highway.¹
5. Radio truck [REDACTED] was observed about 40 meters east of the Adcock DF station by the side of a radio cabin and an antenna mast which was about 8 meters high.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. These data support the assumption that Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield is to be made serviceable for winter operations by the alert unit located

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there. For location of the runway, see Annex. The exact measurements of the runway are still unknown. However, it is believed that the runway measures 1,800 x 10 meters. Additional information on construction work at the field is expected.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The existence of new fuel tanks was first reported [redacted]

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3. [redacted] Comment. It was previously reported that two railroad tank cars were

25X1 dispatched from Velten to Altenburg and one from Velten to Erfurt-Bindersleben. Both shipments were consigned [redacted] to
25X1 the OATB of the fighter regiment in Altenburg, this information confirms that the alert unit stationed in Erfurt-Bindersleben belongs to the fighter regiment in Altenburg.

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Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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Legend:

- 1 Former spur track; dismantled
- 2 Aircraft dispersal area
- 3 Building with messhall
- 4 Destroyed hangars and buildings
- 5 Gate with guardhouse and billeting building
- 6 Gate
- 7 Former German NCO quarters
- 8 Former German officers' billets
- 9 Kreuzchen settlement

